

# Persistent dairy families hit blue ribbon paydirt

**FARM SHOW** — For dairy exhibitors, persistence and family effort seem to pay off in Farm Show blue ribbons. After Tuesday's showing was over, we managed to corral four of the six breed grand champions, and they all were familiar names.

None is so familiar, perhaps, as Berks County's Sam Yoder of Shoemakersville.

Every year since 1948, Yoder has spent a week in January keeping his Milking Shorthorns company in the Farm Show barn. The only year he missed was 1954, when Uncle Sam had him working at Fort Hood, Texas.

Yoder tried, on Tuesday, to recall a year when a Yoder cow was NOT the Farm Show's grand champion female. This year's top Milking Shorthorn is a three-year-old owned by Yoder's wife, Phyllis. Like the Yoders, the cow has stood for a winner's photograph before. She picked up a reserve grand champion ribbon in the 1980 Pennsylvania All-American.

Because the breed used the All-American to stage their national show, the Yoders found themselves in the ring with 300 top animals from all over the nation, one of the largest Milking Shorthorn shows ever held in this country.

With 32 Farm Shows under his belt, and 17 straight All-Americans, Yoder figured that he's lived nearly a full year of his life in the Farm Show barns. And he gave no sign of wanting to retire.

Another repeater at the 1981 Farm Show was the Kennedy family from Royal



Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Cindy Neely, right, and Adams County Princess Ann Murren were on hand at the dairy barn to promote T-shirts and other dairy related items to Show visitors.

Oak in Butler County. The Kennedys - James and Rita and their five children - were all on hand for Tuesday's judging, as they are at home in the dairy barn, in the fields and in their Saturdays-only farm market.

The four-year-old Brown

Swiss that captured the judge's heart this year was the grand champion also in the 1980 Farm Show. She's a fine-looking animal, who milked 17,500 pounds, with 575 of butterfat, in her last lactation. She's now carrying a calf out of West Lawn Stretch Improver,

Kennedy noted, one of the nation's highest predicted difference Brown Swiss bulls. "We're hoping for a heifer," he said, smiling.

The Kennedys run a very diverse 600-acre farm. They're usually milking 40 of their 75 Brown Swiss animals. They grow corn, alfalfa and oats both for dairy feed and for cash cropping. They maintain a small beef herd, and they retail their own produce one day a week.

Tuesday, though, there was a single theme to the Kennedy enterprise. The theme was dairy, and they'll be taking both the grand and reserve grand championship ribbons along home with them.

A Guernsey herd that grew out of a dairying 1900's also earned more than one prize on Tuesday. And although it wasn't the first time a member of the herd captured the breed grand champion, it's been a long stretch since the last one in 1956, noted Leo Rutter.

## Delmarva pork industry to aim at consumers

**SALISBURY, Md.** — This year's Delmarva Pork Industry Days program takes place January 22 and 23 at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury, Md.

The two-day event has something for everyone — young people, consumers, and producers.

It starts off Thursday morning, January 23, with a special session for 4-H and FFA youth who are thinking about getting started in the hog business.

Missouri swine breeder Hank Freter will talk about "Swine Production As I See It." Maryland extension swine specialist Tom Hartsock will talk about sources of hog information.

There will be a special consumer program Thursday evening from 7 to 9. A representative of the Hatfield Packing Company of Hatfield, Pa., will show how a pork carcass is divided into its retail cuts. The cuts will be given away as door prizes later in the evening.

There will also be a pork cooking demonstration by Delaware extension home economist Sally Foulke. And the results of the 1981 Pork Cooking Contest will be announced.

The session for producers will take place all day Friday, January 23. Doors open for the trade show at 9 a.m.

The actual program will start at 11 with a presentation by national swine consultant and veterinarian James Allison of Independence, Kansas. An authority on swine management, he will talk on "Pork Production — How To Get Better At It."

A lunch of center cut pork chops will be served at noon. Tickets are \$5. Lunchtime speaker will be Robert Wheatley, vice president of the Maryland National Bank at Sharptown, Md.

During the afternoon program, pork producer Hank Freter will describe the management practices he and his family follow on their Willow Springs, Missouri, farm.

The Freter herd, which currently consists of Chester Whites and Durocs, had a champion boar, three first place gilts, champion barrow and reserve champion gilt at the 1980 Chester White Type Conference in Austin, Minnesota. The herd also had premier sire at the Missouri

State Fair last year.

Allison will close the program with a talk on the subject, "My Hogs Are Sick!" The afternoon session will adjourn at 3 p.m. The trade show will close at 4.

For further information or tickets to the Friday lunch, contact local pork producers or county extension offices. Pork Industry Days is sponsored by the Delaware and Maryland Extension Services and the local pork industry.



Rutter showed the grand champion, an aged cow, owned by the Rutter Dairy, of York. The business is a seven family corporation which today includes Hartmans and Christs as well as Rutters.

While convenience stores, restaurants and a commercial dairy operation are now a major part of the business, the 165 dairy animals provide more than a sentimental link to the past for the ninth generation of Rutters now working with the herd.

Like the other top winners we talked to, Rutter has been showing at the Farm Show for a number of years - 30 to be exact - and showed no signs that he'd want to stay in York next year at Farm

Show time

Don Shetterly, of Millersburg in Dauphin County, had high hopes for Masonic Farms MA Betsy, the four-year-old Ayrshire that's been a steady performer both in the herd and in the show ring.

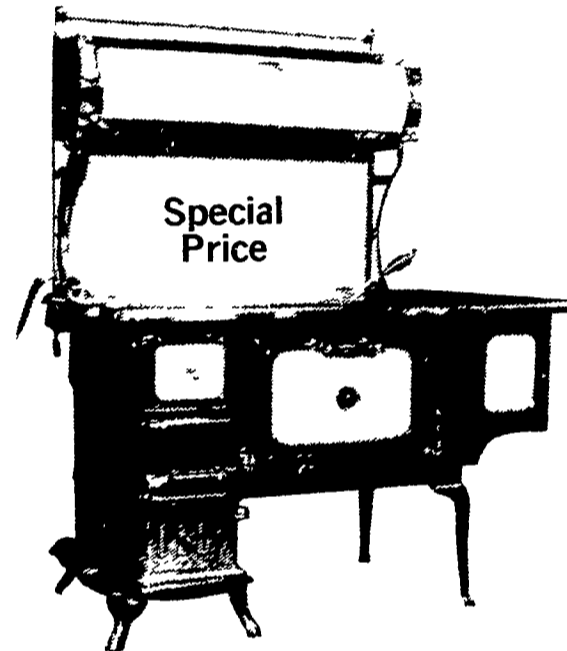
This year's grand champion won Farm Show honors three years ago when she came in first in her class. Today, she's one of 85 milkers in a 160-animal herd owned by Shetterly and his father-in-law, Earl Keefer.

The partnership farms 240 acres in Millersburg, Dauphin County, continuing a Keefer family tradition that goes back three decades to the year that Keefer's father started the Ayrshire herd.

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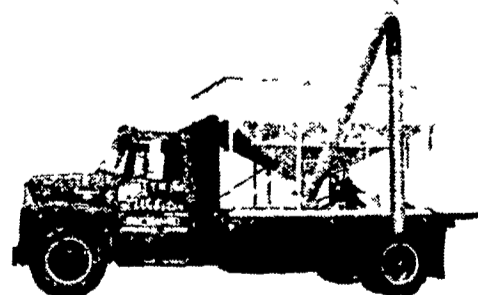
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